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LOW POLARISATION SENSITIVITY AND
INCREASED PROCESS TOLERANCE**

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RESPONSE C

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Sir:

This Response C is in reply to the Office Action mailed 13 November 2008.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 5 of this paper.